



Patent Application No. 09/445,576  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application Number : 09/445,576 Confirmation No.: 1127  
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**Mail Stop Amendment**

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND  
RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir,

**Petition for Extension of Time**

Applicants respectfully petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for responding to the Office Action mailed on December 17, 2003, in the above-captioned application. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the time for response be extended up to and including June 17, 2004. A check in the amount of \$475.00 is attached to cover the three-month extension of time fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3). In the event of any variance between the amount enclosed and the fees determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, please charge or credit any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks in response to the non-final Office Action mailed December 17, 2003 (hereinafter the "Office Action"), in the above-captioned application.

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**AMENDMENTS**

Responsive to the Office Action, please amend the above-captioned application as set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this paper.

maintaining the stability of trimeric molecules that are exposed to high temperature environments during shipping or storage.

Applicants submit that the cited prior art documents do not disclose or suggest a trimeric polypeptide complex based on a trimerising structural elements derived from tetranectin having a thermal stability on the order of that disclosed in the instant application. These unexpected properties are substantial evidence that the claimed invention was not *prima facie* obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of filing. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1, 19, 22-23, 68-91, 94, 98-99, 102-103, and 106-134 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Hoppe *et al* (WO 95/31540) in view of Thogersen *et al* (WO 94/18227), as evidenced by Kastrup *et al.* and Nielsen *et al.*

#### CONCLUSION

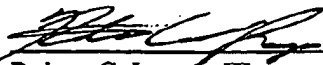
Applicants submit that claims 1, 19, 22-23, 68-91, 94, 98-99, 102-103, and 106-134 are in condition for allowance for all the reasons discussed above. Early notification of a favorable consideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested. In the event any issues remain, Applicants would appreciate the courtesy of a telephone call to their counsel to resolve such issues and place all claims in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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